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PATENT APPLICATION
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See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)**ADDRESS TO:**Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-14502. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.3. Specification Total Pages 277. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)4. Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) Total Sheets 68. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)5. Oath or Declaration Total Pages _____a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)a. Newly executed (original or copy)

b. Specification Sequence Listing on:

b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); ori. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**Signed Statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).ii. paperc. Statements verifying identity of above copies6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement
(when there is an assignee) Power of Attorney11. English Translation Document (if applicable)12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations13. Preliminary Amendment14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)16. Other: _____

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

Prior application information: Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. _____ / _____
 Examiner _____ Group/Art Unit: _____

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	3-3 =	0	X \$ 86.00 =	\$0.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			\$290.00 =	\$0.00
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	\$770.00
				Total of above Calculations =	\$770.00
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				TOTAL =	\$770.00

19. Small entity status

- a. A small entity statement is enclosed
- b. A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. Is no longer claimed.

20. A check in the amount of \$ 770.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

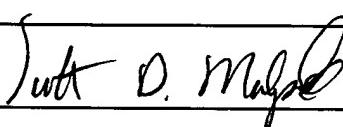
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